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7. In late June 1951, a section on the Vltava side of the third floor in the Ministry of Industry headquarters at Prague was blocked off and construction of a security area was started. Several rooms have been cleared and renovated, and stairways and windows barred. The area is now occupied by Brane Hospodarstvy, the armament industry section of the Ministry. Special guards are assigned to this section, and admittance is by special pass only.
8. Almost all Ministry of Industry employees have been ordered to a two-week tour of summer duty in labor brigades assigned to various areas of Czechoslovakia. The Ministry has been greatly hampered by these removals of personnel.
9. Minister of Foreign Trade Antonin Gregor has informed employees of the Ministry that a new trade policy aimed at increasing trade with Western Europe is to be announced shortly.
10. Non-ferrous metals production is reported to be running at only 25 percent of the projected rate, with little prospect for increased production. This would indicate the failure of the Czech non-ferrous metals procurement program.
11. The livestock supply in Czechoslovakia has decreased appreciably because of a fodder shortage. Farmers are generally allotted only enough fodder to maintain 80 percent of the herd, and supplementary supplies are difficult to procure.

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* Comment: The "B" classification indicates limited service personnel, those who are assigned to garrison or administrative duties because of age or physical condition.

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** Comment: There is no indication that this is anything other than a routine instruction regarding the level of readiness to be maintained.

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